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- a. Automobile aircraft factories:

- 1) Avia, at Letnany. It makes repairs only of Me-109 aircraft, Me-262 jet-propelled aircraft, and Arado aircraft. Factory (test) pilots: Antonin Kraus, a non-Communist; Petr Siroky, who is indifferent to the regime and conditions in general; Frantisek Janca, who is very able.
- 2) Benes-Miras at Chocen. This factory is to be closed during 1951. The chief constructor is Ing. Rubric and the test pilot is Koblizka. During the course of one year the factory produced about 120 3-passenger aircraft of wooden construction, type Sokol I, Minor 3 engine with 107 hp. Eighty of these aircraft were stored. Also produced was a prototype of a 3-passenger, all-metal plane, type Sokol II, 3-wheel undercarriage, Minor 6 engine with 150 hp. Planned production is 50 planes. This plant also makes repairs on and produces the former German Storch plane.
- 3) Factory at Zlin. It produces 2-passenger monoplanes, type Bucker, Hirt engine with 105 hp, for military training purposes. Zlin 20, a 2-passenger plane, and Zlin 22, a 4-passenger plane, are also produced but in small numbers. Factory pilot is Svab, an ardent Communist.

- b. Aircraft factories:

- 1) Rudy-Letov at Letnany was formerly a military factory for aircraft but it now concentrates on repairs of Arado aircraft and makes test flights with the German He-111, powered by a BMW-03 engine, and the He-111, powered by a Jumo-04 engine. These planes become airborne through normal piston engines, and in the air a jet engine is switched on and the piston engines are switched off. Factory pilots are Frantisek Kladek, an anti-Communist who tests these planes, and Bohous Kovanda, an ardent Communist who was decorated for his services during the February coup.

- 2) Aero at Prague-Vysocany

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- a) This plant makes repairs on C-107 Siebel planes and manufactures Aero-45 and Aero-145 planes, driven by Minor 6 engines with 150 hp. Two other Aero prototypes are being produced, one a 7-passenger transport plane and the other a 12-passenger plane.
 - b) It has produced two prototypes of a hospital aircraft which was constructed by Ing. Slechta; one of them is a one-engine plane with a Minor 6 engine having 150 hp and with space for two stretchers, and the other has the same engine and four stretchers but a 3-wheel undercarriage. Also produced is a 2-seater training glider for military purposes.
 - c) It produces 2-seater military helicopters, constructed by Slechta. This helicopter is an improved version of the Arado helicopter and was tested by the Avia pilot Frantisek Janca and the Praga factory pilot Jan Andrla.
 - d) Factory pilots are Karel Vaneek and 7 air force pilots. Frantisek Vnuk was a pilot there but he has been dismissed.
- 3) Praga. This factory is chiefly engaged in making repairs on C-103 Siebel planes. Factory pilot is Emil Forejtnik. Factory pilot Jan Andrla is in prison at present, awaiting trial.
2. The central construction office for all aircraft factories is headed by Ing. Slechta; Ing. Nemec is his deputy. It assigns prototypes to the individual factories for production. Part of the office is located in the Aero factory at Prague-Vysocany in a special building constructed in 1945 near the CKO on the road to Hloubetin.

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